

SENATE RESOLUTION 46
By Graves

A RESOLUTION to commend Derek Green for exemplary service
as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, each legislative session this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Derek Green is one such individual who has distinguished himself in his role as a legislative intern for Senate Speaker Pro Tempore Jo Ann Graves; Derek's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators he assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, ever resolute and determined, Mr. Green came into this world fighting for his life, as he was born with pneumonia; embracing life, this spirited baby grew into the beloved young man who was voted "Best All Around" by the 2003 intern class; and

WHEREAS, even as a child, Derek was exceptionally patriotic: memorizing the Pledge of Allegiance at the age of three, he persuaded his parents to pause, hand over heart, and recite the pledge every time his small eyes spied a flag; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Green attended White House High School where, as a valuable member of his class and the community, he was active in student government and several service clubs; and

WHEREAS, currently a student at Austin Peay State University, where he is highly regarded by his peers, Derek has achieved academic success while majoring in Political Science and participating in numerous extracurricular activities; he has worked in the Athletic Department as an academic advisor and has served as a statistician for the girls' basketball team; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize himself with the characteristics and complexity of Tennessee state government and to further his studies, Mr. Green brought his many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2003 session of the One Hundred Third General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2003 legislative session, Derek has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Green is very cooperative and adaptable; he can discuss sensitive issues with constituents, confer with attorneys on legal matters, and even make pretty good coffee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Green has performed his many intern duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum that surely bode well for his future success; and

WHEREAS, in May, Derek will graduate with honors from Austin Peay State University; in the fall, he will begin his studies at the University of Memphis Law School; and

WHEREAS, though an avid NASCAR and University of Kentucky basketball fan, Mr. Green is most passionate in his concern for his family, which includes his parents, Tim and Linda Green; his sister, Stacy Spivey, and her husband, Adam Spivey; his nephew, Colin Spivey; his step-nephew, Lane Spivey; and his grandparents, Raymond and Doris Sanders and Jerry and Barbara Stinson; and

WHEREAS, Derek Green serves as an example of the fine quality of Tennessee's young adults; he is a model citizen whose contributions to our great State are both multitudinous and inestimable; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby commend Derek Green for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Senator Speaker Pro Tempore Jo Ann Graves and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.